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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated October 25, 2002, please amend the  
above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claim(s) for corresponding claim(s)  
previously presented. A copy of the amended claim(s) showing current revisions is  
attached.

- B1
1. (Twice Amended) A method of manufacturing a turbine bucket comprising:
    - (a) investment casting the turbine bucket with a single crystal alloy; and
    - (b) tuning a natural frequency of the turbine bucket without modifying physical features of the turbine bucket, wherein step (b) is practiced by, prior to step (a), placing a

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